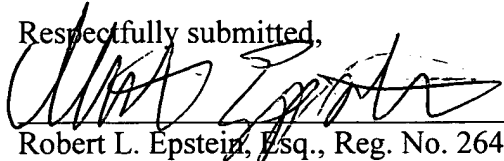


REMARKS

Claims 16-41 have been cancelled. Claims 1-15 have been indicated as allowable.

This application is now in condition for allowance.

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